

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) Drug-containing sustained release microparticle preparation of a drug other than human growth hormone characterized in that a drug other than human growth hormone and [[the]] a water-soluble bivalent metal compound are absorbed to a zinc-containing porous hydroxyapatite which is formed by partially substituting calcium atoms of porous hydroxyapatite with zinc atoms.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Canceled)

4. (Previously presented) The drug-containing sustained release microparticle preparation of a drug other than a human growth hormone accordingly to claim 1, characterized in that a number of atoms of zinc contained in the zinc-containing porous hydroxyapatite is 0.1 to 2.0 relative to 10 atoms of calcium of the porous hydroxyapatite.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously presented) The drug-containing sustained release microparticle preparation of a drug other than a human growth hormone according to claim 1, characterized in that the water-soluble bivalent metal compound is zinc chloride.

7-12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously presented) The drug-containing sustained release microparticle preparation of a drug other than a human growth hormone according to claim 1, characterized in that the content of the drug other than human growth hormone in the zinc-containing porous hydroxyapatite is from 2% to 30% by weight.